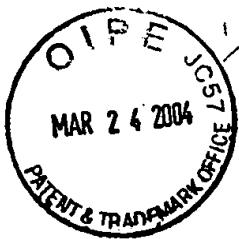


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TRANSMITTAL LETTER

Dear Sir:

Transmitted herewith with respect to the above-identified patent application are the following documents:

1. An Appeal Brief with Appendix, in triplicate, with respect to the Notice of Appeal filed September 24, 2003;
2. Petition for a four-month extension of time; and
3. a return receipt post card.

No claims have been added or deleted, and therefore there are no claim fees associated with this response.

Authorization is hereby given to charge the \$330.00 fee due under 37 CFR 1.17(c) and the \$740.00 fee due under 37 CFR 1.17(a)(4) to deposit account no. 50-1402.

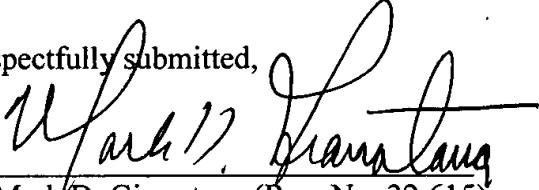
No additional fee is believed to be required; however, if an additional fee or extension is required, please consider this a petition therefor, or otherwise if necessary to cover

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Respectfully submitted,

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